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compulsory labor mobilized for monazite mining activities totals 20,000* persons between the ages of 18 and 55. Mines in the province are at Samchon (125-22, 38-22), Wolpong, Chori-myon, Sinchon County; Nambu-myon (125-12, 38-30), Ullul County, and Sanka-ri (125-08, 38-22), Songhwa County.

2. The average daily production of monazite is about 3 tons. This is shipped to Hungnam (127-33, 39-52) for forwarding to the USSR. The mines are directed by KIM T'ae-in (金泰仁), with the assistance of Korean and Soviet technicians.

3. Mine laborers receive 50 won per day as wages and draw an additional 30 won for clearing 2 meters of ore. Their rations are 800 grams of rice daily.

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4. The Samchon mine was opened [redacted] at Samchon-ri (approximately 125-22, 38-22), Kunhung Myon, Sinchon Gun, Hwanghae Province. Its planned yield for 1949 was 2,000 tons, but by the middle of December, production had reached only 800 tons.

5. The Samchon mine employs about 9,000 persons, drawn from various provinces all over North Korea. They receive no wages, but the People's Committee of Sinchon County is responsible for their food.

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* Comment. This figure seems somewhat large.

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